

## A Brief History of Ernst Zündel, and the Leuchter Report

**Ernst** Christof Friedrich **Zündel** was imprisoned twice (1985 & 1988) in Toronto, Canada for his public denial of the Holocaust claims concerning how people were, and how many people were murdered at the hands of the Nazi's operation Concentration Camps. Zündel was convicted under a ridiculous rarely implored law which criminalizes the knowing publication of false news which was likely to cause harm to public interest. - Yes, this is a true story!

His first conviction in '85 was tossed-out on a technicality and the second in '88 was overturned in 1992 when the Supreme Court of Canada found that the law was an unreasonable limit on freedom of expression. Zündel's lawyers presented the **Leuchter Report** findings as a share of their defense to overturn the second conviction.

Furthermore, well-known [so-called] "*Holocaust Denier*" and British Historian **David Irving** took the stand in Zündel's second trial and vouched for the validity of the Leuchter Report. The publicity Zündel received was more damaging to the overall agenda of the pro-Holocaust individuals attempting to imprison him than they ever expected. Soon, more credible Holocaust Revisionists would appear on the scenes such as the three authors of the Leuchter report which recorded scientific experiments done at Auschwitz and other concentration camp locations. These three men were **Fred Leuchter**, **Robert Faurisson**, and **Gerhard Rudolf**.

After living in the United States but removed to Canada after over-staying his visa, Zündel underwent another lengthy legal process and was deported to Germany in 2005. A state court in Mannheim, after yet another tumultuous trial, convicted him in 2007 on 14 counts of inciting hatred and one count of violating the memory of the dead. He was released in 2010. In April 2017 Ernst Z. died at the age of 78.

Not long before his death, Mr. Zündel petitioned the American authorities to allow him to travel to Tennessee to care for his wife, who is 81. The administrative appeals office of the Department of Homeland Security denied his request on March 31. The DHS released this statement:

"The record shows that the Applicant is a historical revisionist and denier of the Holocaust, distributing writings, books, tapes, videos and broadcasts to promote his views," the office found. "The record indicates further that these publications agitated for aggressive behavior against Jews. Furthermore, the Applicant has been a leader in these activities for decades and has shown no regret or remorse for his actions."

My response is to ask, "what's wrong with his behavior? Is he a criminal for telling his fellow citizens of the world the truth?"

This is an excerpt from an online article titled **Denial of the Holocaust** authored by *Scott Miller*.

Holocaust deniers claim that the Holocaust never happened-that there was no "Final Solution" or systematic plan by the Nazis to exterminate all Jews. "Hard deniers" claim that the estimated five to six million murdered Jews were actually never killed,<sup>1</sup> and that the Holocaust, or at least the greater part of it, is a hoax. In other versions of denial, generally referred to as "soft denials," it is contended that, while some atrocities took place, there was still no plan to annihilate the Jews. "Soft deniers" try to attribute the high death rate among Jews and others to the nature of the war itself, citing factors such as disease and starvation, which themselves are sometimes attributed to atrocities inflicted by the Allies on the Germans.

*Holocaust denial is not a position based on the facts. It has no historical support. The typical denier is driven by political motivations*, and in most cases espouses a right-wing, racist ideology with affinities to National Socialism. The memory of the Holocaust, which is widely regarded in the western world as the epitome of evil, is a major threat to the spread of such doctrines. Another important source of denial is the historical chain of anti-Semitism, with its recurrent inventions of conspiracy theories against the Jews, such as those contained in the Protocols of the Elders of Zion. Denial of the Holocaust, and the allegation that it is a Jewish-created "hoax," are modern versions of accusations of a Jewish conspiracy.

**Verity Response:**

The wording of the article above which appears in italic blue lettering is the exact opposite from that which it claims. Holocaust Revisionists pride themselves on presenting facts which is merely a respectful journalist approach to writing and historical research. As President Ronald Reagan once said, "there's no record that 6 million Jews were put in concentration camps." Furthermore, there's certainly no records that proves that many were systematically murdered. It's just something a group of people began saying and writing, there's never been any actual proof. We don't have social security numbers for them. We don't even have names! The Germans were meticulous with their punch card system. They also regularly presented their records with the Red Cross throughout WWII. Sure, it's easy to claim the Germans simply destroyed any incriminating records but there must be some proof an extra 6 million Jews were living in existence within Europe besides those still alive after the war! Henceforth, the blue italic lettering above is exactly related to the fault of the Pro-Holocaust delegators. – S.P.